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Economists'/Social Scientists' Directory

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Thanks to your participation, the [Economists'/Social Scientists' Directory](#) is up and running and accessible. The directory is Microsoft Excel, Word, and Access formats. If for some reason you have not submitted the form to be part of the directory, there is a link for you to do so available on the website. Happy networking! [book icon](#)

Economic and Environmental Analysis Conference 2004: "Toward Integrated Water Resources Management"

Bruce Carlson – [CECW-PC](#)

More than 300 water resource professionals attended the "Toward Integrated Water Resources Management" conference held in Baltimore 13-15 April 2004. The conference provided a forum to discuss current economic and environmental issues and ideas related to the Corps mission areas, and represented the first gathering of the newly establishing Planning Community of Practice, implemented under USACE 1012.

MG Carl Strock, the Director of Civil Works, commented that “It was a great event that contributed to the community's overall understanding of where we are going and it gave focus to our effort to sustain the things that work well and improve those that don't.”

Interactions among economists, environmental scientists and engineers were emphasized at the conference. Attendees represented Corps districts, divisions, and research labs from around the country. There were also several dozen participants from other agencies, universities, and the private and non-profit sectors.

More than 100 presentations were given at the three-day conference in a series of plenary and breakout sessions. Breakout sessions were divided among “Field Application” sessions that highlighted specific work done by Corps districts and their associates, and “Corporate Issues” sessions that addressed broader issues such as policy and research directions.

[Presentations](#) from the breakout sessions, along with their abstracts and presenter biographies, are now available as a “virtual conference proceedings” for viewing on the internet:

Any questions regarding this conference should be directed to the conference chair, Bruce Carlson.

Watch future issues of Planning Ahead for announcement of details for the next Economics and Environment Conference to be held in 2006. [📖](#)


Great Lakes and Ohio River Division Environmental Community of Practice Has Video Teleconference Kick Off

Dr. Hank Jarboe CELRD-CM-P

On March 11, 2004, the Great Lakes and Ohio River Division (LRD) Environmental Community of Practice (ECoP) kicked off with a video teleconference (VTC) presentation on the preparation of Section 1135 and Section 206 Preliminary Restoration Plans (PRP). The VTC was hosted by the Nashville District Office and was broadcasted to the LRD District and Division Offices. There were an estimated 71 participants in attendance throughout the audience. Mr. Wayne Easterling of the Nashville District Office presented the ECoP VTC topic. The presentation generally covered guidance on writing ecosystem restoration PRPs. Specific topics included information on the project authorities, examples of appropriate Section 1135 and Section 206 ecosystem restoration projects, general PRP format and content, information on sponsor qualifications and the Letter of Intent (LOI), resource agency letters of support and partnering, common problems encountered in the PRP, project pitfalls and show stoppers, composition of PRP submittal packages for the MSC review, the MSC review and approval process, and policy references. The VTC presentation was followed by a brief question and answer session among District and Division staff. For additional information on the LRD ECoP presentation please contact Dr. [Hank Jarboe](#) at (513) 684-6050 or by e-mail at hank.jarboe@lrdor.usace.army.mil. [📖](#)

Instructions for Contributors to Planning Ahead

This newsletter is designed to improve the communication among all the planners and those we work with throughout the Corps. We hope that future editions will have mostly information and perspective from those of you on the front lines in the districts. We hope that these notes become a forum for you to share your experiences to help all of us learn from each other. We can't afford to reinvent the wheel in each office. We welcome your thoughts, questions, success stories, and bitter lessons so that we can share them on these pages. The articles should be short (2-3 paragraphs) except in some cases where you just have to say more.

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Submissions Deadline

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